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CALFED  
San Joaquin River NWR  
Flood plain  
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Re: Amendment to Agreement No. 1425-98-AA-20-16180 San Joaquin River NWR Flood plain

Dear Lester:

In December, 1997 the CALFED Policy Team (Team) approved a grant of \$10,647,000 to fund the acquisition, long term preservation and protection, and restoration of approximately 6,169 acres by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). This is to request CALFED approval of an amendment to the referenced grant. The initial grant identified six (6) tasks, A-F, which were to be completed as a part of this grant. Task A is completed, Task E is partially completed, and Tasks B, C, D and F are in process. The following tables represent the original costs and the revised 2.7 percent cost increase associated with this project.

ORIGINAL COST ESTIMATES TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Project Task	Direct Salary and Benefit Costs	Service Contract	Land Acquisition Costs	TOTAL COSTS
Tasks A - F	\$237,000	\$45,000	\$10,365,000	\$10,647,000

AMENDED COST ESTIMATES (2.7%) NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE APPROVED PROJECT

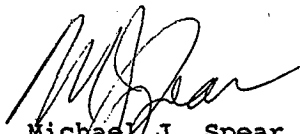
Project Task	Direct Salary and Benefit Costs	Direct Service Contracts Costs	Direct Costs for Land Purchase	Indirect Budget and Administrative Costs	TOTAL COSTS
Task A-F	\$312,000	\$120,000	\$10,365,000	\$150,000	\$10,947,000
Net Change	+\$75,000	+\$75,000	0	+\$150,000	+\$300,000

Funding of the additional costs is necessary to complete the project. These costs include site cleanup (\$75,000), salary and benefits for staff to complete NEPA requirements and land acquisition negotiations (\$75,000); and defray the budget and administrative costs (\$150,000) associated with the acquisition of lands at San Joaquin River NWR (i.e. planning, appraisals, title policy, surveys, administrative cost, etc...).

Since the Team's approval, the Service has completed Task A and is in the process of completing Tasks B-E. Tasks A-E must be completed prior to Task F (restoration) commencing. We are requesting that the above referenced agreement be amended to reflect the additional 2.7 percent increase in costs for a total of \$10,947,000. We also request that Task C be amended to allow the Service to acquire the Riley Slough Flood plain corridor in either fee or easement, and that the completion date for this project be amended to March 31, 2000. The consequence of CALFED not funding the requested increases is that restoration on the building sites on two properties acquired under Task A (Lara and El Soyo) would be postponed indefinitely. The dairy waste would remain in the flood plain and could be floated downstream during the next flood event.

We look forward to completing this worthwhile project. With CALFED's assistance, the Service will be able to permanently protect and restore approximately 6,169 acres of riparian habitat, grasslands and wetlands. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Howard K. Stark or Stephen M. Dyer at the above address or at (916) 979-2085.

Sincerely,



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